

IN THE CLAIMS:

1-13 (Canceled)

14 (Currently Amended): A method for controlling the growth of undesirable harmful plants pre-emergently with a post-emergence herbicide, said method comprises applying a herbicidal composition to an environment ~~when~~ where said undesirable harmful plant will reside prior to the emergence of said harmful plants, wherein the herbicidal composition comprises an effective amount of one or more post-emergence herbicides and an amount of a carrier material selected from the group consisting of fuller's earth, aerogels, high-molecular-weight polyglycols and polymers based on acrylic acid, methacrylic acid and copolymers thereof, with the proviso that the herbicidal composition does not comprise paraquat and fuller's earth.

15 (Currently Amended): The method according to claim 14, wherein the environment further comprises a crop of useful plants and the herbicidal composition further comprises ~~on~~ a herbicidally active compound to which the crops of useful plants are tolerant.

16 (Cancelled)

17 (Previously Presented): A pre-emergence herbicidal composition, which comprises an effective amount of one or more post-emergence herbicides and an amount of a carrier material selected from the group consisting of fuller's earth, aerogels, high-molecular-weight polyglycols and polymers based on acrylic acid, methacrylic acid and copolymers thereof, with the proviso that herbicidal compositions comprising paraquat and fuller's earth shall be excluded.

18. (New) A method for controlling the growth of undesirable harmful plants pre-emergently with a post-emergence herbicide, said method comprises applying a herbicidal composition to an environment where said undesirable harmful plants will reside prior to the emergence of said harmful plants and wherein the environment comprises a crop of useful plants,

which are genetically modified, and the herbicidal composition further comprises a herbicidally active compound to which the crops of useful plants are tolerant, wherein said herbicidal compositions comprise an effective amount of one or more pre-emergence herbicides and an amount of a carrier material selected from the group consisting of fuller's earth, aerogels, high-molecular weight polyglycols and polymers based on acrylic acid, methacrylic acid and copolymers thereof, with the proviso that the herbicidal composition does not comprise paraquat and fuller's earth.